

Addendum to Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. M: 35-14-B

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Name of Property: F.W. Woolworth Company

Location: 7207 Wisconsin Avenue (MD 355), Bethesda, Montgomery County

No formal review and/or documentation is known to exist for this building.

In the National Register Nomination written and prepared for the Bethesda Theatre by Linda Lyons in 1998, F.W. Woolworth's in Bethesda was noted as opening in 1938. In William Offutt's book Bethesda, a Social History, locals apparently referred to the building as the "ten-cent store." It was apparently known as the local hot spot for a banana split as well.

In correspondence by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission dated June 1, 1984, the building, located within the Bethesda Central Business District, was found not to warrant designation on the master plan. Shortly thereafter a permit was issued that allowed for the demolition of the building.

The demolition and/or move of a building to/from a property is considered part of a property's history and should therefore be documented when such activity occurs. This form documents that the above-described building has been demolished. The exact date of demolition of this building is currently unknown. The new construction that replaces it is a multi-story brick building that contains multi-level parking and an array of small commercial entities along the street level of the building.

References Cited:

Lyons, Linda B.

1998 National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form: Bethesda Theatre, Montgomery County, Maryland. Prepared August 19, 1998. Chair of Preservation Committee to Art Deco Society of Washington.

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

1984 Montgomery County Planning Board. Removal of three properties from Locational Atlas in order to allow issuance of demolition permits to sites. Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Silver Spring, MD.

Offutt, William

1996 Bethesda, a Social History. The Innovation Game, Third Edition.

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated June 1, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

On May 31, 1984, the Montgomery County Planning Board held a public hearing, as required under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition, Section 24A-10 of the County Historic Preservation Ordinance, to make a finding on the significance of the following properties identified as resources to the Old Bethesda Commercial District listed as Site #35/14 in the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County, Maryland:

- 35/14-A - Games People Play, 7335 Wisconsin Avenue;
Dan Daniels Printing, 7329 Wisconsin Avenue; and
One Step Up, 7327 Wisconsin Avenue
- 35/14-B - F.W. Woolworth Company
7207 Wisconsin Avenue
- 35/14-C - Fontuna, Inc., 7218 Wisconsin Avenue;
N.Y. Jewelers, 7216 Wisconsin Avenue; and
Health Foods Store, 7210 Wisconsin Avenue

These properties, located within the Bethesda Central Business District, were found not to warrant designation on the master plan. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Planning Board closed the record and voted unanimously to remove these specific properties from the Locational Atlas in order to allow the issuance of a demolition permit on the sites.

Although removed from the Locational Atlas these properties will remain on the Maryland Historical Trust's Inventory.